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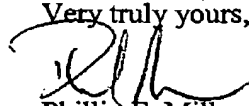
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Re: Filing of Amendment
U. S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/870,009
Our Ref: YOR.418

Dear Examiner:

Enclosed please find an Amendment filed in response to the Office Action dated May 9, 2005, which should place this Application in condition for allowance.

Thank you in advance for your kind consideration of this case.

Very truly yours,

Phillip E. Miller

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

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Serial No.: 09/870,009 Group Art Unit: 1631

Filed: May 30, 2001 Examiner: Carolyn L. Smith

For: NUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCE FOR IDENTIFYING A SOURCE OF GENETIC
INFORMATION, AND DNA AND CELL INCLUDING THE SAME

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 9, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows: